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Labor Day Traffic Safety Campaign

As Illinoisans gear up to mark the end of summer with Labor Day celebrations throughout the state, the Lake County Sheriff's Office will conduct a traffic safety campaign focusing on drunk, unbuckled and distracted drivers.

"Our goal is to help ensure that our community's residents and visitors make it home safely after the party ends," said Sheriff John Idleburg. "We'll be out in force to keep impaired drivers off the roads. If you'll be celebrating, we urge you to plan ahead for a sober ride. Driving intoxicated is a certain recipe to end in tragedy or arrest."

The Lake County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement across Illinois for the increased statewide effort. The high-visibility safety campaign will run from August 16th through the holiday weekend into the early morning hours of September 3rd.

Before the fun starts this Labor Day, remember to designate a sober driver and don't let friends or family members drive drunk or high. Even a small amount of alcohol can impair judgment and reaction times, making driving unsafe.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The crackdown runs concurrently with a media campaign reminding motorists that impaired driving has "Life or Death" consequences. Visit LifeOrDeathIllinois.com for more information.